

II. REMARKS

This Response is filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a two month Petition for Extension of Time, and the required fees. Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment filed on April 4, 2008.

Claims 1-10 and 12-20 are pending.

Claims 1-9 and 12-20 are allowed, and claim 10 is rejected.

By this amendment, claim 10 is canceled.

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over Visca et al. (EP 1006168). Claim 10 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Visca et al.

Applicants submit that these rejections have been rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 10. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections. As all other pending claims have been allowed, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance in the present application.

III. **CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event this response is not timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. **01-2300**, referencing Attorney Docket No. **108910-00051**.

Respectfully submitted,

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